

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT WORKING AT THE POLLS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Q. What is a Poll Worker?

A. Poll Workers are United States Citizens who have registered to vote in San Diego County and give their valuable time by working at community polling places on Election Day so their fellow citizens can exercise their voting rights. There are four types of Poll Workers: Precinct Inspectors, Touchscreen Inspectors, Assistant Inspectors, and Clerks. See the requirements for each position below.

Q. Who can work at the Polls?

A. Any United States Citizen registered to vote in San Diego County.

Q. How are Poll Workers compensated for their time?

A. Poll Workers now receive a newly increased stipend! Precinct Inspectors receive \$150. Touchscreen Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors receive \$125. Clerks receive \$75. Bilingual poll workers receive an additional \$15 premium. Poll workers are mailed a check approximately **6 weeks** after the election.

Q. What are the hours of work?

A. 5:45 a.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m. on Election Day. Workers have two forty-five minute meal breaks as scheduled by the Precinct Inspector.

Q. Can Poll Workers work part of the day?

A. Poll Workers serve the entire day. (The only exception to this rule is when two immediate family members agree to split their day as a Clerk at the polling place, with one member serving as a volunteer and the other receiving the check.)

Q. What is required to be Precinct Inspector (PI)?

A. *New!* Must attend a 4 hour combined training class covering responsibilities for all positions.

- Have a vehicle that can accommodate the transportation of election supplies to be picked up after class.
- Contact poll owner to set up poll the night before (if possible) to ensure the poll will open at 7 am on Election Day.
- Contact board members to coordinate poll set up and answer any Election Day questions.
- Supervise and assist the board with the set up (night before or morning of), opening (7 am) and closing (8 pm) of the poll and touchscreens.
- Help citizens with voting.
- Supervise all poll workers and manage break schedules throughout Election Day; keep in contact with the Registrar of Voters office.
- Return supplies and touchscreens to the collection center accompanied by another poll worker at close of poll. **(We encourage the PI and the TSI to carpool in one car if at all possible.)**

Q. What is required to be Touchscreen Inspector (TSI)?

A. *New!* Must attend a 4 hour combined training class covering responsibilities for all positions.

- Have a vehicle that can accommodate transportation of up to eight (8) - 24" x 21" x 7" touchscreens to be picked up after class. **(Must be able to lift 28 pounds.)**
- Assist with the set up (night before or morning of), opening (7 am) and closing (8 pm) of the poll and touchscreens.
- Help citizens with voting.
- Return supplies and touchscreens to the collection center accompanied by another poll worker at close of poll. **(We encourage the PI and the TSI to carpool in one car if at all possible.)**

Q. What is required to be Assistant Inspector (AI)?

A. *New!* Must attend a 4 hour combined training class covering responsibilities for all positions.

- **If class is NOT attended – then you will be paid as a clerk.**
- Assist with the set up (night before or morning of), opening (7 am) and closing (8 pm) of the poll and touchscreens.
- Help citizens with voting.
- Must be familiar with the duties of Precinct Inspector and Touchscreen Inspector and be prepared to fill in for either position if needed.
- Return supplies and touchscreens to the collection center if needed.

Q. How long do the training classes last?

A. There is one training class for all Precinct Inspectors, Touchscreen Inspectors, and Assistant Inspectors which runs about four hours. Clerks are not required to attend a training class.

Q. What duties do the Clerks perform?

A. Clerks assist by setting up the polling place, explaining the voting process, assisting voters, and closing the polling place.